

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.-16. (Withdrawn)

17.-18. (Canceled)

19. (Withdrawn)

20. (Currently Amended) A system including an artificial disc replacement (ADR) configured for placement within a vertebral disc space between opposing vertebral endplates, the ADR comprising:

a component forming a cavity between the component and one of the vertebral endplates;
and

a path to fill the cavity with cement after the component is installed.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the path is formed in the component.

22. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the path is a channel or groove.

23. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the component includes a peripheral rim to form the cavity.

24. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the component is a rigid endplate.

25. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the component is polyethylene or other suitable polymeric material.

26. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the component is a rigid endplate.

27.-28. (Withdrawn)

29. (Original) The system of claim 20, further including an instrument for pressurizing the cement following introduction.

30. (Withdrawn)

31. (Original) The system of claim 20, further including two components, one proximate to each of the opposing vertebral endplates; and
paths for injecting cement between each component and its respective vertebral endplate.

32.-33. (Withdrawn)